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1. To my knowledge, the last outbreak of rinderpest in the USSR occurred during the months of August, September, and October of 1930. The epidemic destroyed most of the cattle in Soviet Armenia, Soviet Georgia, and the Ukraine. Several hundred veterinarians were executed as a result. [redacted] 50X1
heard nothing at the time as to whether the epidemic occurred in other parts of the USSR. The epidemic and the executions were widely publicized in the press. [redacted]

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2. In 1936 the Government slaughterhouse in Leninakan, Soviet Armenia found rinderpest in a shipment of cattle said to have come from Turkey. Nothing was published in the press concerning this

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I do not know how many of the cattle were infected or whether any of that shipment was released to consumers after slaughtering. It is possible, of course, that the Turkish origin of the cattle was a planted Government lie, although [redacted] inclined to believe that the cattle did actually come from Turkey.

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3. In 1937 rinderpest was again found in a shipment of cattle, also said to have come from Turkey, at the Leninakan slaughterhouse. [redacted] how many cattle were in the lot but [redacted] distinctly that there were 12 50X1's

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4. After this incident, [redacted] about rinderpest in the USSR originating either from within or without the country. A very good vaccine against rinderpest was developed in 1930 and all cattle were systematically immunized thereafter. [redacted] where in the USSR the vaccine was developed or where it was being produced.

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